

Leads More Than 75 Members in Condemning Attacks Against Women's Health Advocate and Georgetown Law Student Sandra Fluke

WASHINGTON – Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (NY-28) today joined with more than 75 House colleagues to express their outrage over recent comments made by talk radio host Rush Limbaugh against Georgetown Law School student and women's health advocate Sandra Fluke.

Limbaugh's tirade, widely considered as one of the most vile and disrespectful rants launched against women in recent years, has evoked a broad, critical response from women's organizations and groups across the country.

On the first day of women's history month, Slaughter, along with 78 of her colleagues, today asked Republican House leaders to join them in condemning Limbaugh's comments saying,

"On his February 29, 2012 show, Mr. Limbaugh repeatedly used sexually charged, patently offensive, and obscene language to malign the character of this courageous young woman who has chosen to be the voice for many of her peers," the letter states. "This kind of direct attack on a private citizen is unacceptable. Mr. Limbaugh is as free as any American to speak his mind about the political and social issues of our time, but using his radio show as a means for blatantly insulting a hard-working American with obscene and indecent language because he disagrees with her personal choices is an abuse of the public airwaves."

Earlier this month, Fluke was famously denied the opportunity to testify on the panel about contraception by Congressman Darrell Issa (R-CA), Chairman of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee. The panel, which was intended to focus on women's' health issues, [consisted of five men and no women](#) .

[Limbaugh's comments can be read here.](#)

[A copy of the letter signed by Slaughter and 78 of her colleagues can be seen here](#) .

[A full list of signers can be seen here.](#)